

## WATCH MEETING NIGHT FOR NATION'S WOUNDED HEROES

Lilian Bell Makes a New Year's  
Eve Appeal for Men  
in Hospitals

1921 CHEER IS NEEDED

More Men Get Gold Pieces  
From Evening World's  
Christmas Fund.

By Lilian Bell.

This is New Year's Eve—the last  
day of 1920.

All over the world watch parties  
will be held to speed the old year out  
and to welcome the new year in.

Many thoughtful men and women  
will sit down and mentally take ac-  
count of stock with questions which  
search the soul.

"What have I done with my time in  
the year 1920?"

"What have I done with my money  
in 1920?"

"How many of my fellow beings  
have I helped in 1920?"

"What have I done to make the  
world a better place to live in?"

"To how many of my fellow-men  
have I given a meal when they  
needed it?"

"How many of my homeless fellow  
beings have I housed for even one  
night in 1920?"

"How many of those who were  
down and out have I helped to a job  
in 1920?"

"How many of those who have  
fallen by the wayside have I lifted  
up and taken by the hand in 1920?"

"To how many of his little ones  
have I given a cup of cold water in  
the year 1920?"

"How many 'invisible guests' have  
I entertained, that the hungry chil-  
dren of Europe might be fed?"

"How many dead faces have I caused  
to smile in 1920?"

"How many times have I forborne  
to entertain those who would enter-  
tain me in return and add to my  
load at my table those from whom no  
return save gratitude was possible?"

"How many wounded soldiers, who  
have given their all for me, have I  
cared for in 1920?"

"Thank God, you generous people of  
New York can answer this last ques-  
tion with pride.

You have done wonders in co-opera-  
tion with The Evening World.

You have given me approximately  
\$10,000 to distribute among the  
wounded who are still under treat-  
ment in New York hospitals.

We went again to Fox Hills yes-  
terday—Miss Gennert, Mildred and  
Helene Morris—these girls are daugh-  
ters of Mrs. Felix Morris, and have  
been devoted to the cause of wounded  
soldiers ever since they first began  
to return to us from overseas—Hazen  
Phillips, Lt. Phillips, my daughter, and  
William Peterson and I, all of us in  
charge of Sgt. Stephen Sullivan,  
Company L, 23d Infantry of Fort  
Jay, Governor's Island.

We took our gold pieces to those  
who were absent on leave or were  
away from their wards on Christmas  
day. Their gratitude was very  
genuine, and they were beginning to  
figure that the public has not for-  
gotten them.

Miss, that they ever did!

But, thanks to The Evening World  
opening open its columns to me and  
showing me to do exactly as I  
pleased, with such gratifying confi-  
dence that I could pull out of any  
hole I might dig myself in, I have  
been able to make up to the people  
these patriotic privileges.

Have you ever noticed that I never  
dig a duty?

Isn't that why? We owe  
them NO duty. We owe them  
sympathy and endless gratitude, don't  
you?

As we came in from Fox Hills Mrs.  
Gennert said, "That is where Sergt.  
Nichols used to stand."

He was a traffic policeman at the  
corner of Wall Street, big, husky,  
powerful, in the prime of life, and  
now he lies in hospital, facing  
amputation of his arm, and the piece  
of shrapnel which tore away his  
shoulder was sent overseas.

If he wants me with him during  
that operation, he is going to get  
me. I would come from the Inaugura-  
tion Ball to sit outside the opera-  
tion room with him. I would go  
through such an operation, if he  
wants me.

That is the sort of Watch Meeting  
I have in mind. I want all America to  
be able to the fact that she has  
watch to keep over her broken and  
wounded soldiers. I want every com-  
munity to care for its own. This  
has been the dream of Mrs. McIn-  
tyre for years—ever since he gave  
in his career and went as a "Y" man  
to France.

The wounded soldiers have no bet-  
ter friend than Mrs. McIntyre, and I  
am proud to tell them so.

The Evening World has started  
this Watch Meeting in 1919, and  
has a grand Watch Meeting in 1921.

Pray Heaven that 1921 may keep  
its first bright every day and night.

And for the first day of the New  
year every one who wishes to meet  
these heroes—patient, uncomplaining,  
courageous—with that fine, high  
type of courage which can bear loneli-  
ness and pain, and which will never  
breaks your heart when you see it  
in the pale faces, may come to the  
hospitals I mentioned in Wednesday's  
and Thursday's papers, and bring  
some home-cooked dainties to show  
these boys that not for one day in  
1921 NOR EVER AGAIN, as Presi-  
dent-elect Harding said in his tele-  
gram to me, SHALL THEY BE  
FORGOTTEN BY THEIR OWN  
PEOPLE.

CRIME WAVE CRITIC TALKS  
HIMSELF INTO TONNES CELL.

Why don't you go out and get real  
news? I am innocent of any real  
news," said Samuel A. Church of No.

100 East 10th Street to Magistrate  
in Court today, after being arrested  
for Magistrate had been told that  
Church was a "Y" man.

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## OLDEST ENGINEER ON L. I. R. RETIRES WITH CLEAN RECORD



JOE MC DONALD

"Old Crow" McDonald Served 53  
Years and Never Had  
a Wreck.

Joseph McDonald, familiarly and af-  
fectionately known by his friends as  
"Old Crow," will retire after complet-  
ing to-day's work as the oldest en-  
gineer of the Long Island Railroad.

Any one who fancies Mr. McDonald  
wants to retire to the soft job of liv-  
ing on a pension, however justly earned,  
doesn't know "Old Crow." He has no  
sympathy whatever for those who seek  
easy berths, having toiled for fifty-  
three years—since he was nineteen  
years of age—as a locomotive engineer.

As may be surmised from this, his  
retirement is not of his seeking but  
the railroad which required his  
pensioning because of old age, let it  
not be understood that it was pre-  
ceded upon any lack of efficiency or  
"pep" on the part of its oldest en-  
gineer. "Old Crow," who for the past  
ten years has run a drill engine in the  
Richmond Hill railroad yards, is as full  
of vigor as an egg of meat.

"Old Crow" will just run away on  
the shelf," said one of his old friends  
to-day in a husky voice. "The agree-  
ment plan is all right; I haven't a  
thing to say against it, but when a man  
has worked hard all his life he simply  
can't fold his hands in idleness and  
keep happy and well."

Mr. McDonald started as an  
engineer on the Long Island road way  
back in 1867. He was given the run from  
Long Island City to the eastern ter-  
minus of the line. Winter and summer,  
through cold or heat, snow, sleet or  
rain, he drove his engine, the "suf-  
ficient" pulling and pushing more than  
hands of passengers than he cares to  
count safely to their destinations. And  
throughout his more than half-century  
of service he had never a wreck. He  
retires with a clean, clear record.

At his home, No. 310 East Street,  
Richmond Hill, Mrs. McDonald said to-  
day her husband had left his last  
day's work on the railroad. She  
brushed away a tear as she said it.

"It's bad for us both," she said. "If  
I love his work and won't be happy  
without it, while as for me—what am I  
to do with a man about the house all  
day long?"

"Old Crow," in whose head are bot-  
tled up interesting reminiscences of  
old days when wood was used for stak-  
ing fuel for the locomotives and when  
trains were forced to stop every five  
miles or so while all hands, including  
passengers' outfits, hustled out to  
wood up to-day when caught on his  
engine.

"I've got my work to attend to," said  
"Old Crow" laconically.

13 NAVY SEAPLANES  
MAKE 400-MILE HOP

All but NC-5 Reach San Bartolome  
Bay on First Leg of 3,000-  
Mile Flight.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 31.—The  
dozen planes of the F-5-L division of  
the navy's 3,000-mile San Diego-Panama  
aerial expedition berthed in San  
Bartolome Bay, 400 miles from their  
starting point, last night. The roaring  
of their motors disturbed the sea  
fowl at the isolated Lower California  
spot as the planes swooped down, the  
last except one taking the water at  
2:05 P. M., just five hours and forty-  
five minutes after the leader had  
taken off here in the morning.

Radio reports flashed back to the  
naval air station here brought word  
that each of the twin motored planes  
had escaped mishap, but the bigger  
and heavier NC-5 met trouble which  
put it out of the flight for a time.

NC-5 was forced to put back into San  
Diego Harbor after having winged its  
way only a few miles down the coast.  
It was damaged in taking off.

Left H. V. Haugh, commanding  
the NC-5, to-night planned a non-  
stop flight from San Diego to Mag-  
dalena Bay, to overtake the rest of  
the seaplanes there New Year's Day.

For a time no word was received  
concerning the NC-5, and some  
anxiety had begun to be felt, espe-  
cially after word had come that all  
the F-5-L type planes had reached  
their first overseas destination, but  
early this evening a radio message  
reported the plane had "landed" at  
4:05 P. M.

MISS D. T. SWEZEY A BRIDE.

Will Go to Japan and Australia for  
Honeymoon.

Miss Dorothy Tatt Swezey and Al-  
bert P. A. Elias were married last eve-  
ning in the Church of the Transfigura-  
tion in West 79th Street by the Rev.  
E. C. Cleveland. After a few days in  
Atlantic City they will leave on a  
honeymoon trip to Japan and Australia  
to be away eighteen months.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. Arthur P. Swezey. Mr. Swezey  
is manager of the San Francisco office  
of the United Fruit Company, and is  
well known in shipping circles.

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2. BIG TANNERY IS BURNED.

WOBURN, Mass., Dec. 31.—The tan-  
nery of F. C. Parker & Sons, one of the  
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## DAMPER IS PUT ON SOCIET PLAN FOR INAUGURAL

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posed Ball Is Objected to  
by Committee.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The ex-  
pectation of Washington social lead-  
ers that the inaugural ball is to be  
revived as a part of the plan to make  
the induction of President-Elect  
Harding into office the occasion for a  
celebration that will outline any-  
thing within the memory of the present  
generation has received a setback.

Members of the joint Congressional  
committee which is arranging for the  
inauguration are objecting to the pro-  
posal to hold the ball in the Pension  
Office, which is the only building in  
Washington with a floor space suf-  
ficiently large.

Members of the committee refuse  
their sanction on the identical grounds  
assigned by President Wilson at the  
time this feature was dropped from the  
programme eight years ago and  
again four years later. "Uncle Joe"  
Cannon, who is Chairman of the  
House Committee, stated positively  
that the proposal to grant the use of  
the Pension Office would not receive  
his vote, and in the meeting of the  
committee he voiced his views in  
characteristic fashion.

The use of the Pension Office Build-  
ing was objected to on the ground  
that it will mean the stoppage of gov-  
ernment business there for a month  
or more and necessitate the moving of  
thousands of important records, some  
of which were lost last time the  
building was so used. The Pension  
Office is many months behind with  
its work, and the pension claims of  
thousands of veterans and their fam-  
ilies would be delayed.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota, him-  
self a veteran of the civil war, who  
presided as acting Chairman of the  
conference of the joint committee,  
also was emphatic in his opposition to